

**ST. JACOB OF ALASKA ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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**+ + + Service Schedule + + +**

Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. *17th Sunday after Pentecost (3rd of Luke)—Tone 8. Commemoration of the Holy Fathers of the 7th Ecumenical Council.*

3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Hours, 9:10am

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, 9:30am.

*Epistle: 2 Cor 6:16-7:1; Heb 13:7-16; Gospel: Lk 7:11-16; Jn 17:1-13*

Parish Annual Meeting after coffee hour.

Wednesday, October 15: *Eve Martyr Longinus the Centurion, who stood at the Cross of the Lord (1st c.). Ven. Lóngin (Longinus) the Gatekeeper of the Kíev Caves (Far Caves—13th-14th c.). Ven. Lóngin of Yarensk (1544-1545).*

Daily Vespers, 5:30pm.

Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Great Vespers of the Resurrection, 5:00pm.

Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. *18th Sunday after Pentecost (4th of Luke)—Tone 1. Prophet Joel (800 B.C.). Martyr Varus, and with him six Monk Martyrs (ca. 307). Translation of the Relics of Ven. John, Abbot of Ríla in Bulgaria (1238). Bl. Cleopatra and her son John, in Egypt (327). Hieromartyr Sadoc (Sadoth), Bishop of Persia, and 128 Martyrs with him (342).*

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Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, 9:30am.

*Epistle: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Gospel: Lk 8:5-15.*

**+ + + Upcoming Events + + +**

10/24-25	Fri – Sat	Diocesan Assembly Meeting
11/10-13	Tue – Thur	All America Council
11/15 – 12/24		Nativity Fast
11/21	Friday	Feast of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple.
12/6	Saturday	Feast of St. Nicholas

*Unless we bear with patience the afflictions that come to us unsought,  
God will not bless those that we embrace deliberately.  
-- St. Gregory Palamas*

**+ + + Announcements + + +**

CERV Sunday: Please bring canned and dried foods for the Northfield community food shelf next Sunday, 10/19. As usual, peanut butter and tuna are in high demand.

**+ + + Saints Lives + + +**

*(adapted from oca.org)*

Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>: *The 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical.* The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine Porphyrogenitos. The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time" (John 1:18).

Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>: *Saint Cosmas the Hymnographer, Bishop of Maiuma.* He was raised by the parents of St John of Damascus together with their son, receiving a fine education. When St Cosmas came of age, he set out to one of the monasteries of Palestine, where he attained renown for his monastic exploits. During a time of persecution against holy icons, St Cosmas and the venerable John came forward to defend Orthodoxy. In the year 743 Cosmas was made Bishop of Maiuma. He died in old age, leaving behind many canons for feast days and a Triodion for four days of Holy Week.

Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>: *The Holy Martyr Longinus the Centurion,* a Roman soldier, served in Judea under the command of the Governor, Pontius Pilate. When our Savior Jesus Christ was crucified, it was the detachment of soldiers under the command of Longinus which stood watch on Golgotha, at the very foot of the holy Cross. Longinus and his soldiers were eyewitnesses of the final moments of the earthly life of the Lord, and of the great and awesome portents that appeared at His death. These events shook the centurion's soul. Longinus believed in Christ and confessed before everyone, "Truly this was the Son of God" (Mt. 27:54).

Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>: *The Martyrs and Unmercenaries Cosmas and Damian in Cilicia (Arabia).* The holy brothers Cosmas and Damian were physicians in Arabia, who believed in Christ. They traveled through the cities and the villages, preaching Christ and healing the sick. The saints would not take any sort of payment for the help they rendered. In Cilicia, pagans seized the holy physicians and led them before the governor, Lysias. Since they refused to renounce Christianity, the governor ordered the saints to be brutally beaten, and then cast into the sea. An angel of God rescued them from the sea and brought them to shore. Then the pagans beheaded the saints. The Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Arabia should not be confused with the Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Asia Minor (November 1), or the Unmercenary Saints Cosmas and Damian of Rome (July 1).